



LEABANK PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 14TH MARCH 2025

Greetings, Tena koutou, Kia orana, Talofa Lava, Fakalofa Lahi Atu, Malo e Lelei, Namaste, Hola, Ni hao, Xin chao.

Dear Parents/Caregiver

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

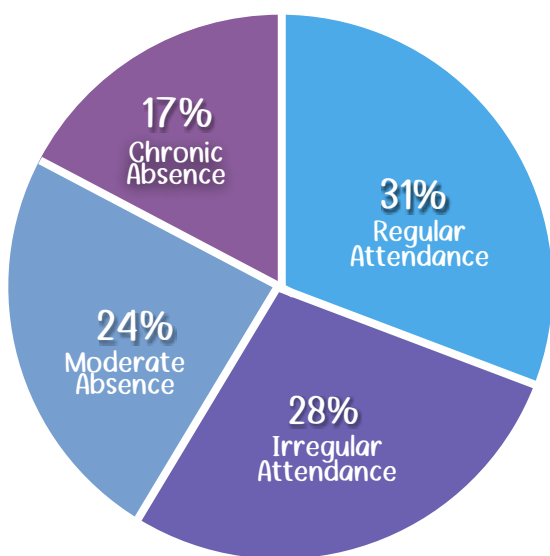
We've indeed made a great start to the year and we're already over halfway through the term! Thank you for the excellent turnout at our whanau conferences. We look forward to seeing the progress toward the goals set with teachers.

This year, we're implementing a school-wide focus on attendance, which has a significant impact on students' learning outcomes. Regular attendance ensures consistency in explicit teaching, feedback on learning and relationships with peers.

New Attendance Reporting System:

We'll be adopting the Ministry of Education's category system for reporting attendance:

- ▶ **Regular attendance:** Over 90% attendance (absent for less than 5 days per term)
- ▶ **Irregular absence:** 80-90% attendance (absent for 5-9 days per term)
- ▶ **Moderate absence:** 70-80% attendance (absent for 10-14 days per term)
- ▶ **Chronic absence:** 70% attendance or less (absent for 15 days or more per term)



Attendance Follow-up System:

We're implementing a new follow-up system for absences. If you receive phone calls or letters regarding your child's attendance, please understand that we're reaching out because we care about your child's education and want to offer support if needed. We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring your child's regular attendance at school.

If you have any concerns or need support, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

ATTENDANCE

Every day matters for every child and young person. Regular attendance at school helps build and maintain a child's learning, establishes positive daily routines and promotes wellbeing by connecting them to their peers. We want to see every child attending school every day they can.

If your child is away please let the school know as soon as possible. Emails, texts and Website contact can be made 24/7 by:

Phoning the school 09 267 6939 ext 205

Texting the school 027 273 4499

Email attendance@leabank.school.nz

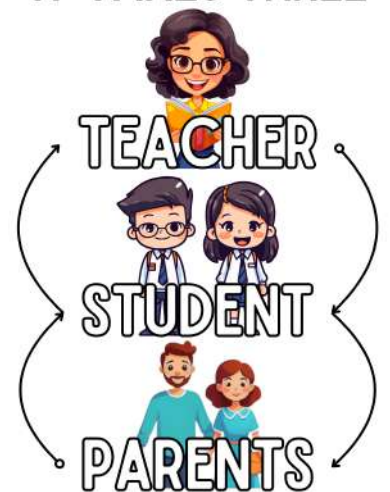
Or on the school website under 'Contact' tab

MEET THE TEACHERS NIGHT

We would like to say thank you to all parents for attending our Term 1 meet-the-teachers conference night. We appreciate you all for taking the time to meet with your child/ren's teacher.

We hope that we are able to provide you with some valuable insight into your child/ren's learning and progress in school. Thank you all for sharing helpful and valuable information about your children. We look forward to our continued partnership throughout the school year.

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CAUGHT BEING GOOD ASSEMBLY

Today we had our Caught Being Good Assembly and the following children were selected from their class to receive the award.

Congratulations to the following students.

1	Jeffrey Tekii-Taione	13	Linda Ogevai
2	Maya Cheragi	14	Dereze Sione-Levae
4	Moi Loto	15	Cortez Young
5	Faheza Ismail	16	Ngatiwai Tamihana
7	Eve Raki	17	Mikaere Roberts
9	Myra Naidu	18	Brendon Bun
10	Teaorae Panapa	19	Daniel Gipanao
11	Roman Bertucci	21	Daisy Tuivaiti
12	Audrey Kava		

SCHOOL VAN

We have a van! Shout out to the Ted Manson Foundation! We'll be using their van regularly to transport our learners to sports and other school activities.



MPSSA CRICKET

On Wednesday 12th March, two teams from Leabank School played at the Manurewa Primary Schools' Cricket day at Mountfort Park. The teams played in the Mixed section. The players were nervous at the start but were more relaxed as the morning went on. It was great hearing them cheer on their teammates and also clapping and cheering when an opponent did something really well. Each team played 3 games, with the Leabank 1 team playing in their 4th game when heavy rain caused the tournament to be abandoned. The players enjoyed their day out and were rather disappointed that they could not finish the day.

The players and coaches, Mr Wiseman and Whaea Nadine, would like to thank all the whanau who came along to watch and support their children.



MPSSA SWIMMING

A huge congratulations to our Swimming Team who have represented Leabank School on Wednesday 26th February at the MPSSA Swimming Competition. This event saw Year 4-6 students competing against other Manurewa Schools and our tamariki gave it their all!

Name	Category	Placing
Mason Luamanu	Year 4 Breaststroke	1st Place
Atonina Ioane	Year 6 Girls Breaststroke	2nd Place
Soul Tavui	Year 6 Boys Breaststroke	2nd Place
Seften Tusa		3rd Place
Soul Tavui	Boys Individual Medley	3rd Place
Mason Luamanu	Year 4 Backstroke	1st Place
Jerell Sarich-Swann		3rd Place
Soul Tavui	Year 6 Boys Backstroke	2nd Place
Ryder Luamanu		3rd Place
Ryder Luamanu	Freestyle 2 Lengths	1st Place
Seften Tusa		2nd Place
Mason Luamanu	Year 4 Boys Freestyle	1st Place
Jerell Sarich-Swann		2nd Place
Soul Tavui	Year 6 Boys Freestyle	2nd Place
Medley Boys & Girls	Leabank School (Ngatiwai, Atonina, Soul, Ryder)	1st Place
Boys Freestyle B Division	Leabank School (Soul, Seften, Ryder, Mason)	1st Place
Girls Freestyle A Division	Leabank School (London, Ngatiwai, Atonina, Sarona)	2nd Place
OVERALL Leabank School - 3rd Place		

Naku iti noa, na

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